Encouragement to Small Units in Exports

*749. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage small units in the country to export their products;

(b) if so, the details of incentives Government propose to give to the small units to boost exports;

(c) whether the medium and big scale units are posing danger on the export activities of small scale units; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extra weightage is given on NFE or f.o.b. earned by the export of products manufactured by Small Scale Industries, Sports Goods, Handlooms and Handicrafts Sector, including Hand-Knotted carpets and silk products, while considering the eligibility of exporters to be recognised as Export House, Trading House, Star Trading House and Super Star Trading House. On attaining the status, such Houses are eligible for the grant of Special Import Licence (SIL) for import of items as given in Appn. XXXV of the Hand-Book of Procedures, Vol.I(RE:April, 95) and other benefits. As per new provisions introduced in the revised edition of Hand-Book of Procedures announced on 30.4.95, 1 per cent extra SIL is permitted to exporters exporting goods manufactured by SSI(Handloom and Handicrafts products including hand-knotted carpets, silk products and sports goods, provided export of these products is more than 50 per cent of their total exports.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स द्वारा बिलासपुर में अस्पताल का निर्माण

*750. **श्री लक्खीराम अग्रवाल** : क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स मुख्यालय द्वारा बिलासपुर, मध्य प्रदेश में एक बड़े अस्पताल का निर्माण करने की योजना है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो निर्माण कार्य कब तक प्रारंभ हो जाने की संभावना है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) जी, हां । एक 200 बिस्तर वाले बहु-विशेषज्ञता प्राप्त अस्पताल की स्वीकृति दे दी गई है।

(ख) इस अस्पताल का निर्माण कार्य पहले ही जनवरी, 1994 में शुरु कर दिया गया है ।

Removal of Unemployment

*751. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently formulated any new programmes/concrete schemes to implement Prime Minister's new slogan for the country "BEKARI HATAO' as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 6-5-95;

(b) whether Government have so far taken up the matter with organised private sector to create substantial employment in the light of economic liberalisation, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government's targets for generating emlpoyment during the Eighth Five Year Plan period is being achieved, if, so, to what extent and if not, the reasons therefor, indicating what steps are being taken in this regard during the formulation of 9th Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANGO): (a) to (c) Employment is a thrust area in the Eighth Plan. The Plan envisages on the basis of a targetted rate of growth of the economy of 5.6 percent per annum, generation of additional employment opportunities of the order of 8.5 million per year on an average through an employment oriented growth strategy supplemented by special employment programmes. A continuation of this strategy in the period 1997-2002 is expected to enable attainment of the goal of near full employment by 2002. In addition to expanding ongoing special employment programmes like integrated *Rural Development Programme (IRDP)*, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), and Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY), new initiatives like Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and the two million job scheme of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission have also been taken in the Eighth Plan. Suggesting that "Bakari Hatao" would be the most appropriate slogan for the country today, the Prime Minister laid emphasis on the effective implementation of these programmes.

During the first three years of the Plan, additional employment opportunities of the order of 18.78 million are estimated to have been created. The shortfall in the pace of employment generation is primarily due to the shortfall in the rate of growth of the economy. It has been only 4.63 percent per annum during 1992-95 against the targetted growth rate of 5.6 percent per annum.

The thrust of the present policy of the Government is to encourage faster growth of the private sector, where most of the additional employment opportunities is likely to be created.

Sugar Mills in Punjab

*752. SHRI IQBAL SINGH. Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of sugar mills at present in the State of Punjab, location-wise/district-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to establish more sugar mills in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SNGH): (a) As on 31-1-95, there were 22 installed Sugar Mills in the State of Punjab. The location-wise/district-wise details are given at Statement (See below)

(b) to (d) In addition to the installed sugar mills, there are two other letters of intent issued for setting up of sugar mills at Kapurthala and Amritsar, Six letters of Intent issued for expansion of crushing capacity of the existing sugar mills are also pending implementation. When implemented, the additional sugar production capacity would be of the order of 2.931 Lakh tonnes. Besides, as on 31.1.95, 4 proposals were received through the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development for grant of letters of intent for establishment of new sugar mills in the State of Punjab for consideration, the details are given below:—

Sl.No	Name of Applicant	Proposed Location	Sector
1	M/s. Somal Sugars Ltd.,	Machhiwara, Tech. Samrala Distt. Ludhiana	Private
2	M/s. Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.,	Mamdot, Tech.&Distt.Ferojpur	Public
3	M/s. Thaper Minerals Ltd.,	At & Distt.Ludhiana	Priavate
4	Shri Vijay Kumar Garg	At any backward area in trict Patiala.	Privaie